

*D1 cancel.*  
in a header information area for a layer comprising a plurality of VOP data sets, a codeword indicating a number of objects displayed per a unit time; and

control means for controlling the reconstruction of said encoded images encoded for each object, based on said decoded object display speed information.

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20. (Amended) An image decoding method for decoding an encoded bit stream formed by encoding images for each object, comprising the steps of:

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decoding object display speed information from said encoded bit stream, the display speed information including, in a header information area for a layer comprising a plurality of VOP data sets, a codeword indicating a number of objects displayed per a unit time; and

reconstructing said encoded images encoded for each object, based on said decoded object display speed information.

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